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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence
SUBJECT: NIS Section 45

1. Through Mr. Kain at HEW we have informally learned of Dr. DeLong's 24 March letter to him and the annexed paper relative to Section 45 content.

2. Apparently HEW has not reached a decision in the matter, but we gather they presently are doubtful as to whether in the context of the letter they will "bid", particularly if the contract funds are to be as significantly reduced from the FY 1964 amount as has been intimated.

3. This Office is fully aware of the existing qualitative and quantitative problems with respect to the Section 45. However, it is also aware of the problems in undertaking alternative production arrangements, including appropriate staffing, "start up" aspects, indoctrination of new personnel in methodology and in content requirements which are approved by the NIS Committee, and availability of the relatively amorphous classified and other source materials in this topical field.

4. These are considerations of major concern to all those charged by USIB with responsibility for effective accomplishment of the NIS Program. In view of my responsibilities in the Agency's assigned administration of the NIS Program and as Chairman of the inter-agency NIS Committee, I am specifically concerned that the production of adequate Sections 45 be sustained at levels consonant with expressed user requirements, and also want to avoid potential criticism of CIA for shortfall. OBI's extensive experience is, of course, appropriately available for consultation in the working out of a constructive program for Section 45 production.

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